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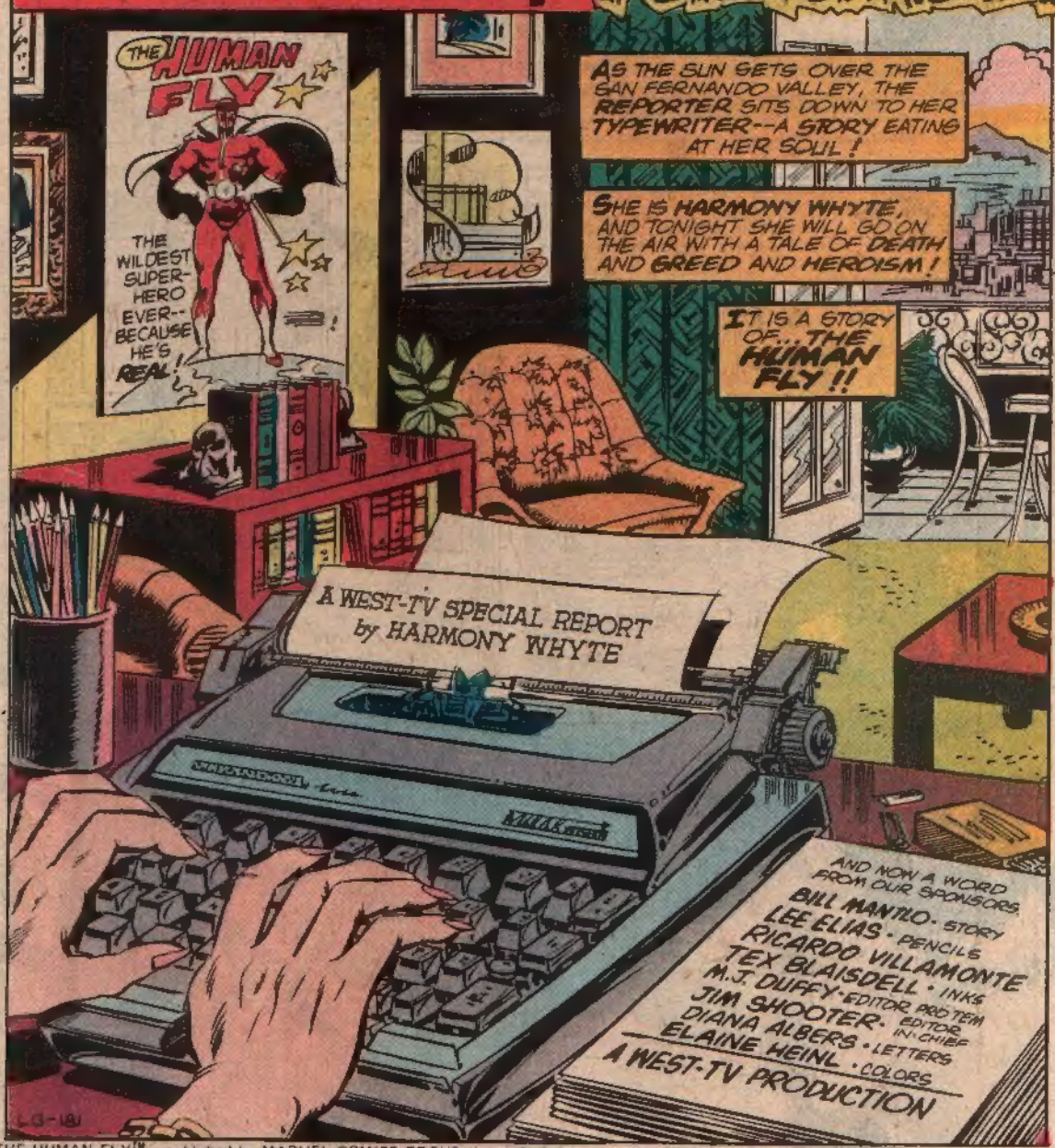
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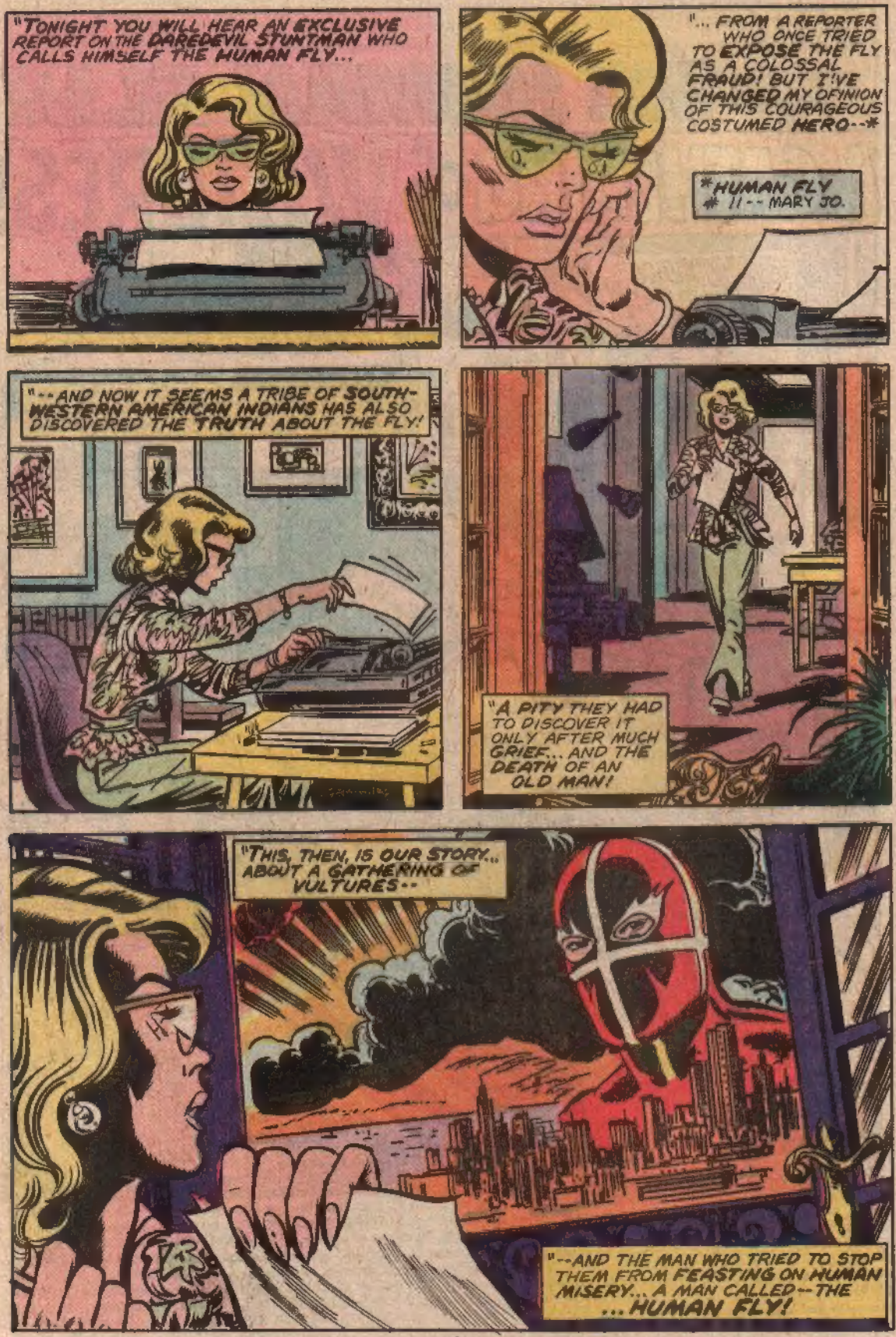
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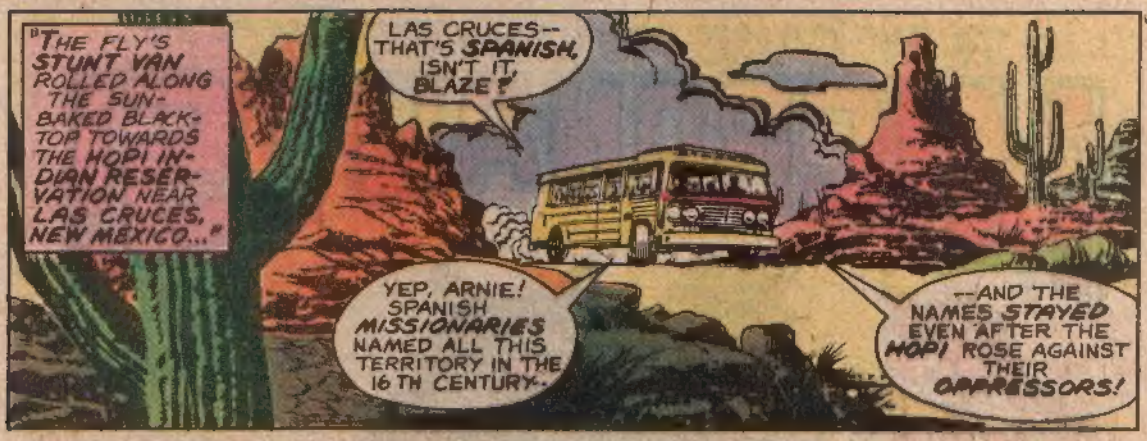
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HUH? OH, FLY--I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE AWAKE!
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"UNTIL..."
BLAZE, LOOK-- TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, AHEAD OF US!
I SEE THEM, ARNIE!
IT'S A KID-- AND AN OLD MAN! HE LOOKS HURT!
HANG ON TIGHT, ARNIE--
--I'M BRAKING!
SKREECH!!
TELL THE FLY-- I'LL SEE WHAT'S WRONG!
THE KID HASN'T EVEN LOOKED UP AT US!
"AND AFTER INFORMING TED AND THE FLY--
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"...TRAGEDY!"
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BLAZE, THE OLD MAN--
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I..
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NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY!
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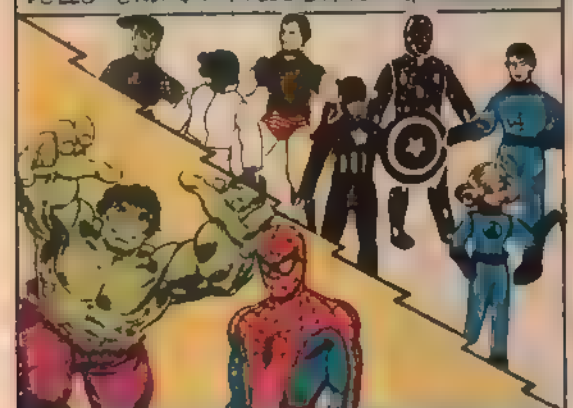

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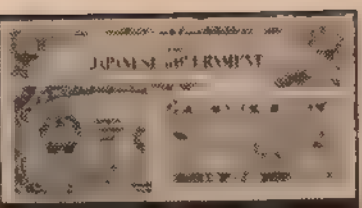

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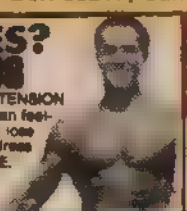

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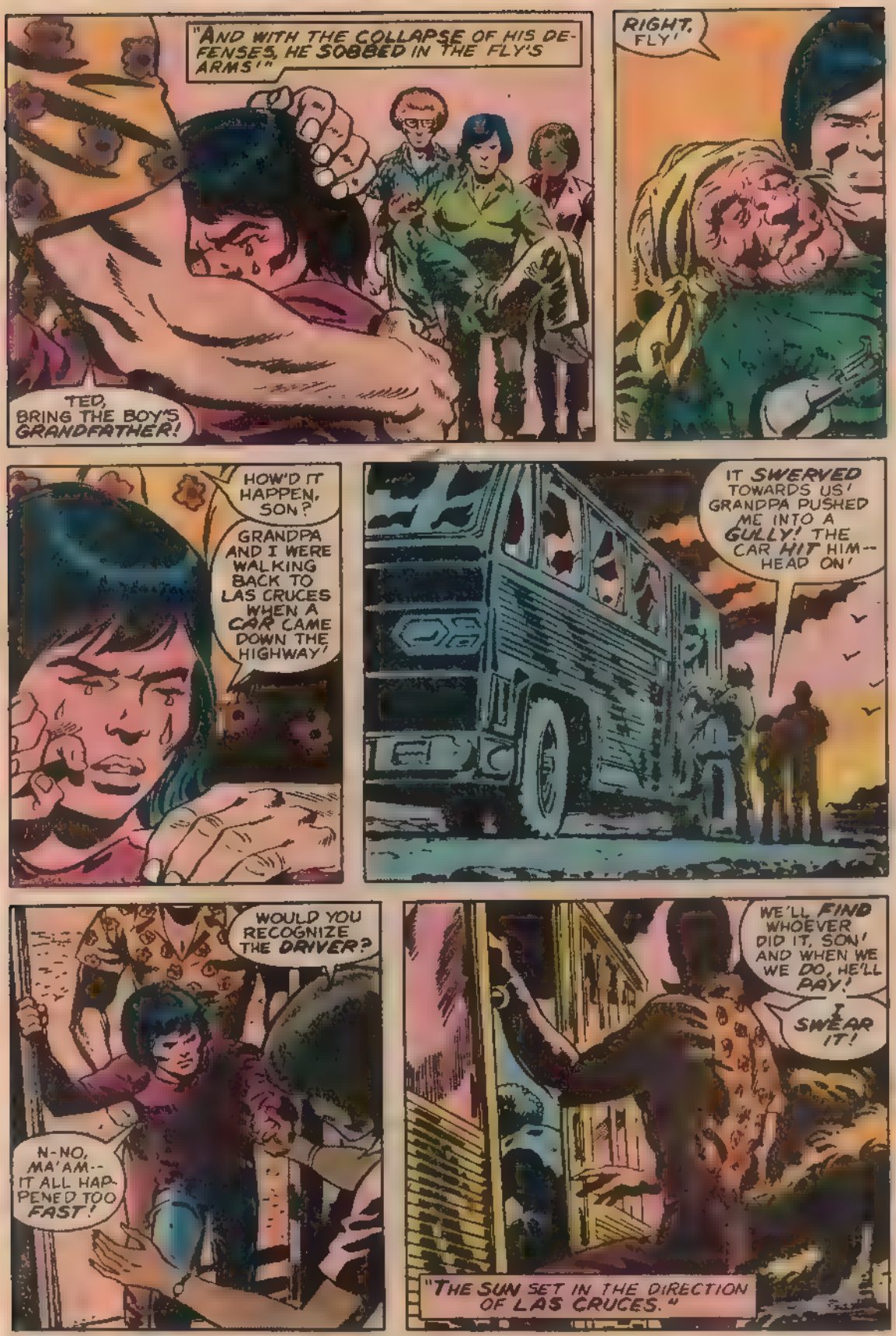
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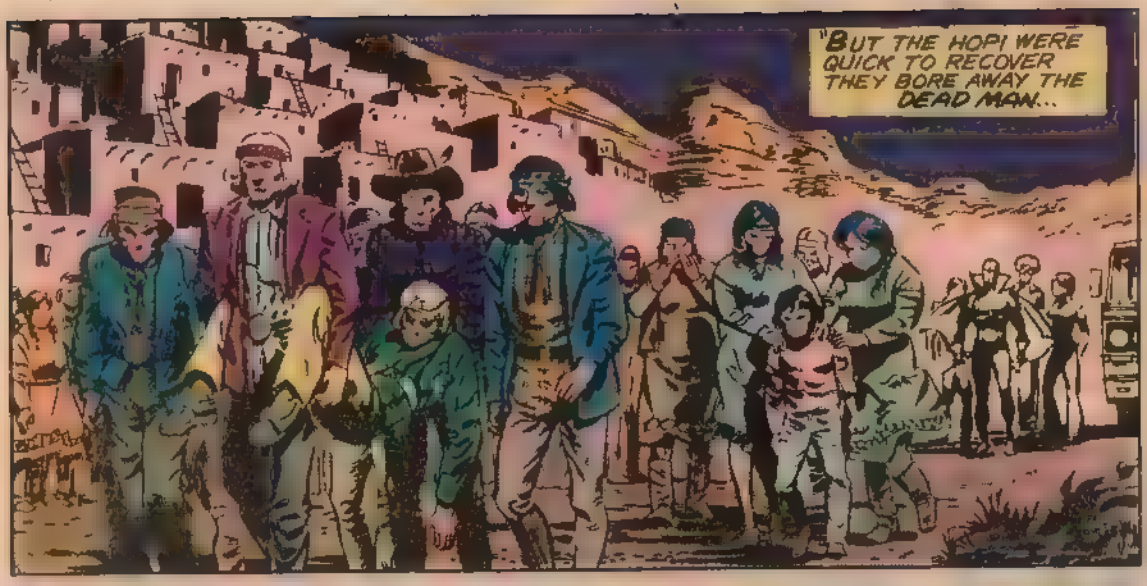
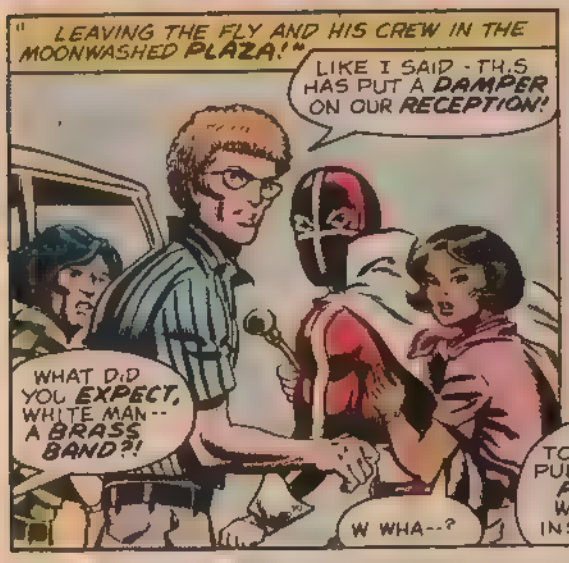
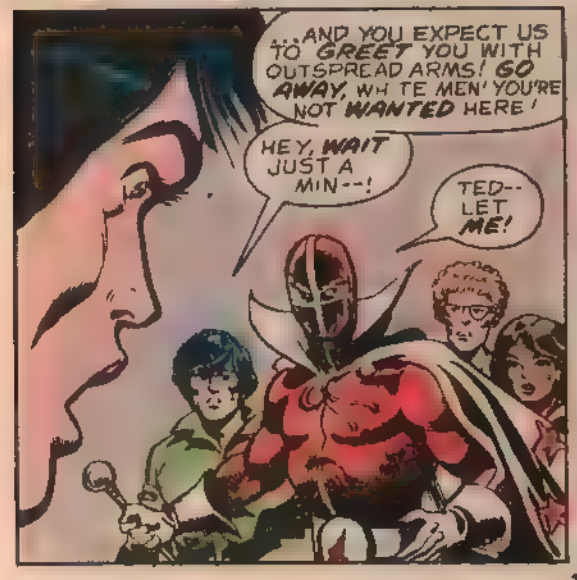
GRANDPA AND I WERE WALKING BACK TO LAS CRUCES WHEN A CAR CAME DOWN THE HIGHWAY!
IT SWERVED TOWARDS US! GRANDPA PUSHED ME INTO A GULLY! THE CAR HIT HIM--HEAD ON!
WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE THE DRIVER?
N-NO, MA'AM--IT ALL HAPPENED TOO FAST!
WE'LL FIND WHOEVER DID IT, SON! AND WHEN WE DO, HE'LL PAY!
I SWEAR IT!
"THE SUN SET IN THE DIRECTION OF LAS CRUCES."

IT IS NIGHT IN LOS ANGELES AS HARMONY WHYTE RESUMES HER REPORT..
HOW COULD THE FLY HAVE FELT -- WALKING INTO A STRANGE LAND AS THE HARBINGER OF DEATH?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN AWFUL!
BUT NOT AS AWFUL AS EVERYTHING ELSE THAT AWAITED HIM!
THE ROAD UP TO THE LAS CRUCES PUEBLO SEEMED OMINOUSLY DESERTED WHEN THE FLY AND HIS CREW ARRIVED
THE NEWS OF THE OLD MAN'S DEATH HAD TRAVELED FAST. THE CENTRAL PLAZA WAS PACKED - WITH SULLEN FACES.
"...BUT NOT EVEN THE SOLEMNITY OF DEATH COULD STIFLE THE GASP OF SURPRISE EMITTED BY THE ASSEMBLED THRONG AS THE VAN DOOR SLID OPEN TO REVEAL THE FULLY-COSTUMED HUMAN FLY!


"BUT THE HOPI WERE QUICK TO RECOVER THEY BORE AWAY THE DEAD MAN...


" LEAVING THE FLY AND HIS CREW IN THE MOONWASHED PLAZA!"
LIKE I SAID - TH.S HAS PUT A DAMPER ON OUR RECEPTION!
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, WHITE MAN-- A BRASS BAND?!
W WHA--?

...YOU COME BEARING OUR DEAD AS IF WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO YOU...
YOU COME TO DEFILE OUR PUEBLO'S SACRED FESTIVALS WITH YOUR INSIPID SHOWS...


...AND YOU EXPECT US TO GREET YOU WITH OUTSPREAD ARMS! GO AWAY, WH TE MEN! YOU'RE NOT WANTED HERE!
HEY, WAIT JUST A MIN--!
TED-- LET ME!

EXCUSE ME, MISS-- BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE A MISUNDERSTANDING! YOU SEE, WE'RE--!
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FLY, MAYBE WE'D BETTER--!
STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR ME! MISS--
--WHERE DO I FIND YOUR TRIBAL COUNCIL?!
WHY, MOST LIKELY AT--

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SPECIAL NOTE: A goodly number of you faithful Marvel minions have been taking us to task for missing letters pages with greater frequency of late. Believe us, we are as dismayed about it as you are – especially since in 95% of the cases, a letters page has been assembled, typeset and pasted up for the issue in which it made its non-appearance. You see, due to a shift in printing schedules, our printers have been getting the books on the presses without waiting for the letters pages. Well, we've straightened out that problem at last, and until some new problem comes along, you can look forward to regular page-loads of your priceless praise and pans. Keep writing, friends!

Dear FLY-people,

Well, you did it! You made it through one year! Congratulations – on two counts. First, for being what you are, and second for starting off my collection of Marvel Comics. You know, I only bought HUMAN FLY #1 because it featured Spider-Man. Well, after I looked it over, I found that the Fly wasn't merely a super-hero in tights who was out looking for trouble. No, he was a person who had overcome a tremendous handicap, and who believed that, if *he* could do it, others could, too! Bravo, Human Fly! I salute you—you're the best type of guy!

Now back to HF 12. It is MARVELous! No mistakes (unfortunately, given my yen for a No-Prize) but perfect script, perfect art, and perfect everything else. Lee's art appeals to me more than, say, Frank Robbins on the FLY.

Nobby Woo
65 Royal Salinger Rd.
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CANADA

Good news, Nobby—Lee Elias returns (as if you hadn't noticed by now) with this very issue! We aim to please!

Dear Editor,

The Human Fly is TERRIFIC! And GREAT! And WONDERFUL! HUMAN FLY #12 was very, very good. So good that I bought 5 issues and gave away 4 of them to my friends. They've since told me that they will from now on buy the HUMAN FLY themselves.

The art returned, with HF #12, to the promise of the book's earlier issues. Lee Elias is the perfect artist for the Fly—in mood, visualization and conception.

Fil Arzola
La Puenta, CA

Dear Marvel,

I really liked HUMAN FLY #12. The story about Amie's first encounter with the Fly was really well done, and I'm glad that Harmony finally let loose the floodgates and told them all how she felt.

But (Aha, you knew there'd be a "but", didn't you?) on the bottom of page 29, HF #12, the blurb reads: "Ski the world's tallest mountain with the Human Fly in: *The Slope of Death!*" Then, in HF #13, it said the Fly was going to ski down *America's* tallest mountain, Mt. Whitney in California. Two mistakes, there. Mt. Everest in the Himalayas is the *world's* tallest mountain, and Mt. McKinley in *Alaska* is the tallest mountain in America.

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I'm happy to see that Mr. Braden now regards the Fly in a different light and is giving Harmony back her job.

I'm really looking forward to the photo-feature and I hope the Fly's record album is a big success.

Ben Firth
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You didn't ask for one, Ben, but we're sending you a No-Prize just the same. As for the mix-up, Bill had originally intended to have the comic book Fly ski down Everest (The Boisterous One had just come from the documentary film, "The Man Who Skied Down Everest" and was just itching to pay tribute to the people who tried that stunt in real life!) but Editor Bob Hall felt that it infringed on the Fly's believability to transport the Fly and his crew to the Himalayas. So we settled on Mt. Whitney, which the *Guinness Book of World Records* (1975) lists as being the tallest *peak* in the United States. A semantic error.

Dear Bill,

I have a great plot that's just perfect for the Human Fly. With his well-known generosity in giving the proceeds of his stunts to charity and all, has the Fly ever really checked out any of the foundations he's donating to? I mean, what if they're not using the money for the best of reasons? A sinister thought, but one worth a story, huh?

David Zakss
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An excellently sinister thought, David—and one Bill had already anticipated when plotting the very issue you're holding in your hands! Deja vu?

Dear Marvel,

I'VE DONE IT! I'VE ACTUALLY DONE IT! I found a No-Prize-worthy mistake! I was looking through all my 150 comics (Marvel, of course!) trying to find a mistake, and I did it! In HUMAN FLY #12, the Fly turns to Blaze and says: "Yes—that's what I meant, *Ted!*" So send me my No-Prize.

But, before I flip out, I also wanted to congratulate you on your storyline and art—the best, as it always is! Make Mine Marvel!

Johnny Ros
2732 NW 4th Street
Miami, FL 33125

It's on its way, Johnny (But we almost sent it postage due until we read your extremely gracious remarks about the mag itself!). Peace, pilgrim—and Make Yours Marvel!

Dear Marvel,

I'm glad to see that the Human Fly is improving. I really had my doubts after HF #'s 9 and 10. I mean, it was really getting lousy with all those Acme-esque heroes and villains like the White Tiger, Daredevil and Copperhead running around inside the pages of a book about what is, after all, supposed to be a flesh-and-blood hero. I'd almost decided to stop buying the HUMAN FLY, but when HF #12 came around the cover sold itself – best cover I've seen since HF #3 (And speaking of issue #3, whatever happened to Mr. Martinet? Let's see more of him.) As of right now, the future looks bright for the Fly. You're building on his supporting characters nicely. Just don't try and jazz up the stories with Marvel Universe characters. They just won't work in this mag. Let the Human Fly stand alone!

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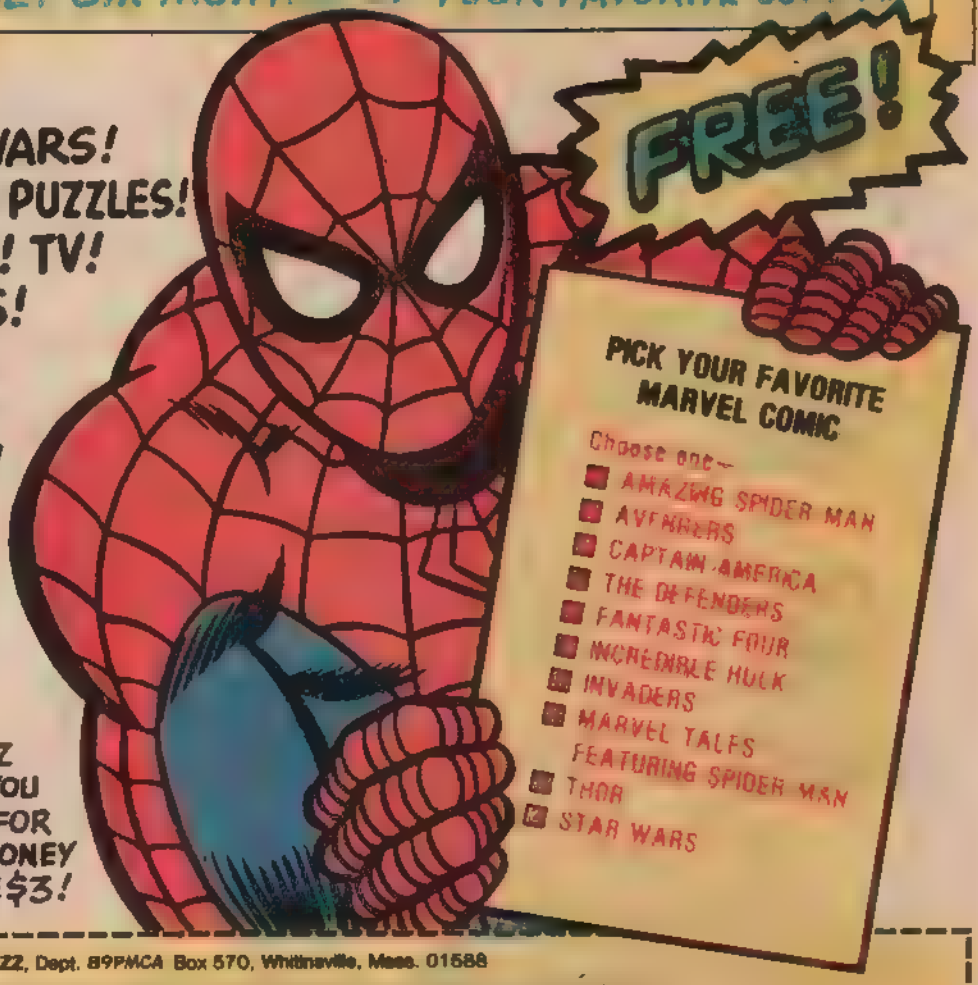

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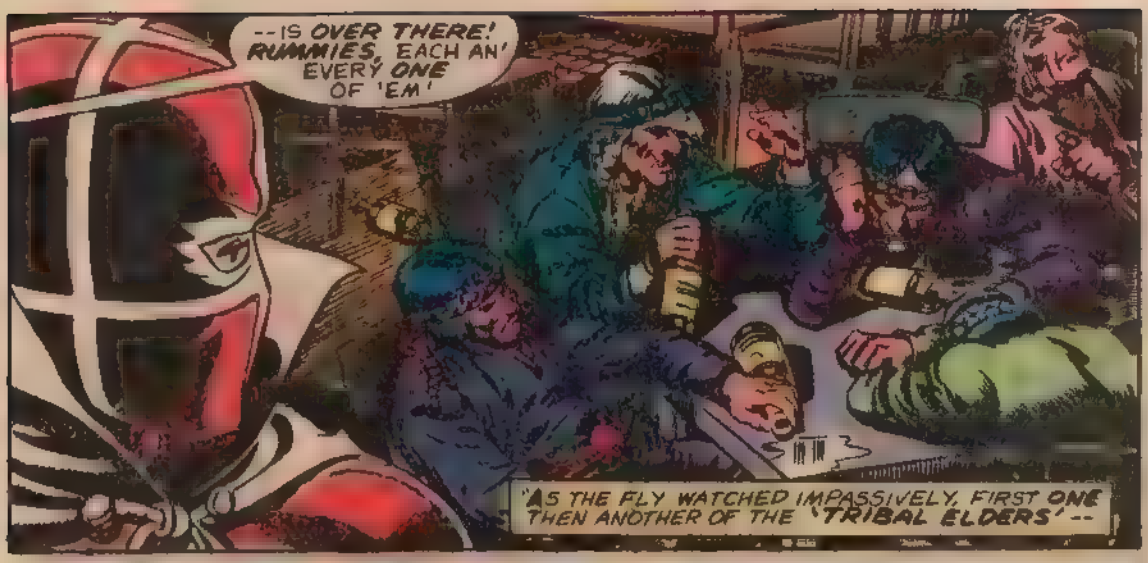
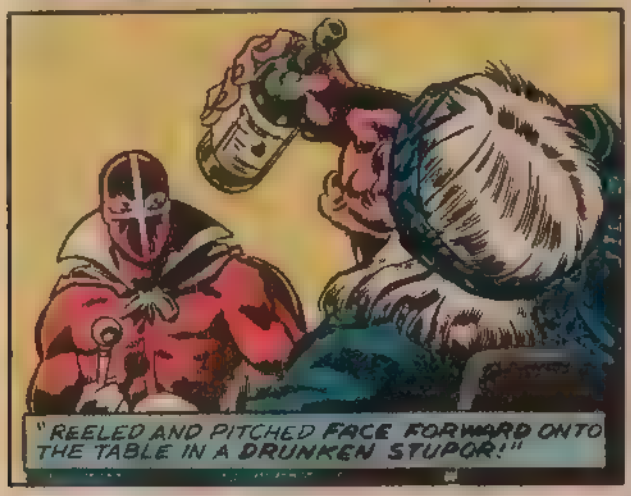
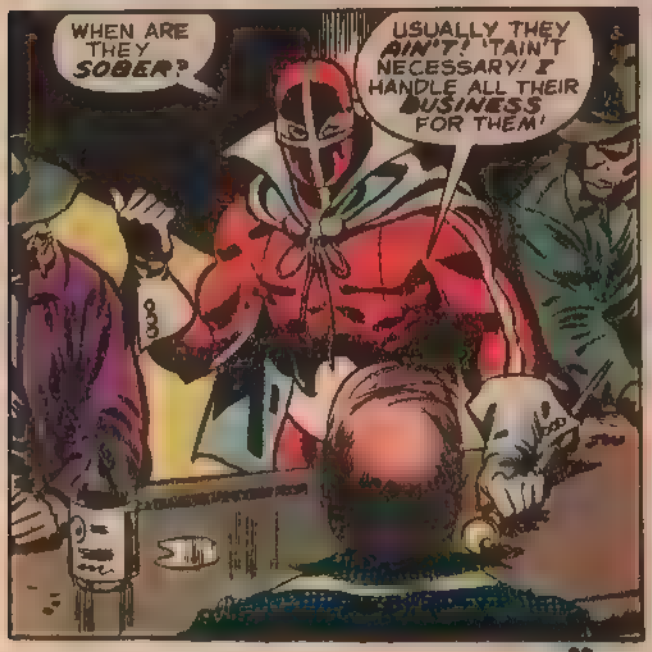
GIMME ANOTHER!
FRANKS BAR
HA-HA-HA!
YAYHOO! HEY BOYS
THAT'S RICH!
DID YA SEE THEM INJUNS' FACES? HOO-EE!
I LIKE T'BUST OUT LAUGHING! RAY BOB!
THE FLY SAW--
"--AND WAS SEEN!"
HEY-- LOOKIE HERE!
I WANT TO SEE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL!
YOU'LL SEE FRANK FIRST, I RECKON!
THE FLY NODDED TAUTLY--
"--AND WAS GESTURED OVER TOWARDS THE BAR!"
FRANK STURGIS, OWNER AN' PROPRIETOR?
I'M LOOKING FOR--!
WELL, YA FOUND HIM, RED! ME--I'M STURGIS!
AN' THE TRIBAL COUNCIL YER ASKIN' ABOUT--







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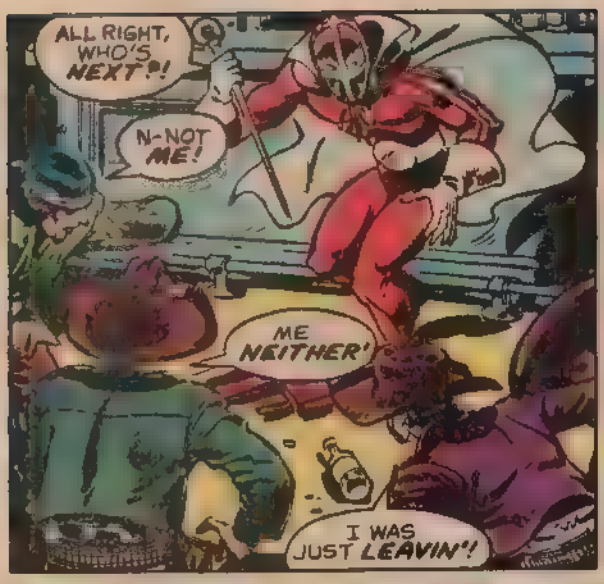
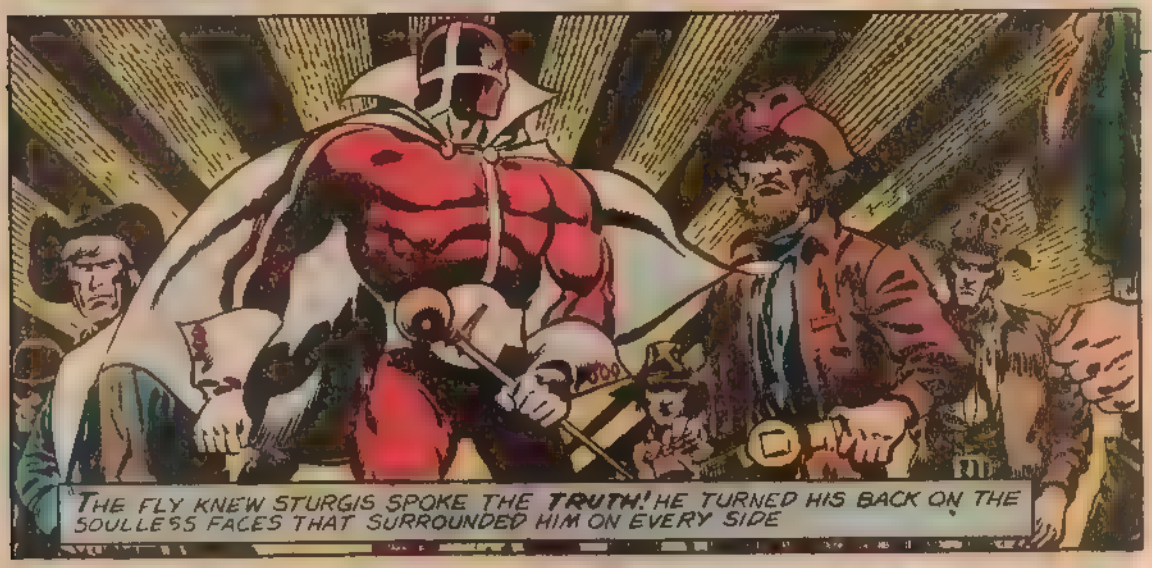
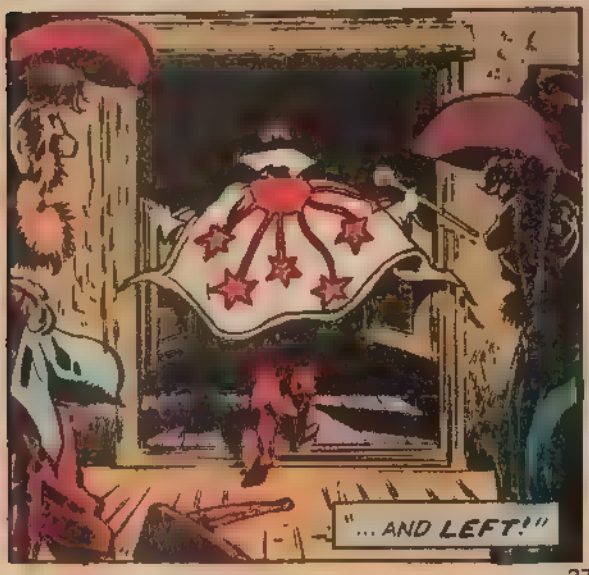
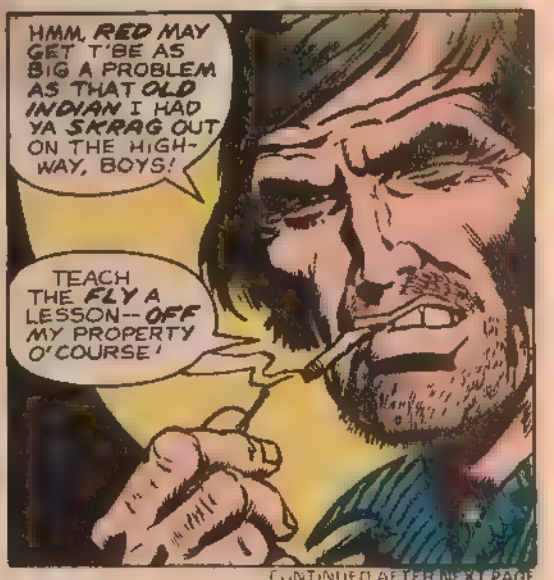
I'M NOT PERFORMING! THE INDIANS DONT WANT ME HERE--
--AND YOU'RE JUST USING ME TO FLOOD THEIR SACRED FESTIVAL WITH WHITE TOURISTS WHO'LL BUY YOUR LOUSY LIQUOR!
AND MY IMITATION JEWELRY--AND ANYTHIN' ELSE I AIM T' SELL! AN' YOU, MR FANCY-PANTS, ARE GOIN' T' PERFORM--'LESS YOU AIM T' REIMBURSE THE TRIBE THE $10,000 I, UH, BORROWED TA ADVERTISE YER STUNT!
WHY, YOU--!
E-EASY, RED! Y'SEE, I GET MY PROMOTION FEE WHETHER YA PERFORM OR NOT!
S-SO YA CAN ONLY PAY BACK THE TRIBE BY GOIN' ON WITH THE SHOW! H-HEY--!
SCUM!!
SMASH!





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TEACH THE FLY A LESSON--OFF MY PROPERTY O' COURSE!

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BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Okay, here it is. For once I remembered what I promised to write about last issue! Here's where you get a serious opinion as to the real difference in editorial approach between our competitors and Marvel. There have been more letters asking me to discuss this subject than any other (and I'd hate to find out that they're all from the competish 'cause they wanna know how we do it!)

Basically it seems to me that we write about people while they write about things. We're concerned with the psychological problems and urges that motivate our characters, while the other company prefers to dwell on what happened, how it happened and how do we catch the bad guy? Perhaps another way of saying it is, we write for the older reader, for those who are interested in more subtle dialogue, in absorbing sub-plots and secondary story lines, and in provocative imaginative themes to boggle the mind. We like to flavor our yarns with satire, with offbeat philosophical concepts and with controversial subjects. On the other hand, our competitors' mags are aimed at a younger market which is the reason their stories are generally simpler and more basic in approach.

Now then, I don't mean to sound smug and self satisfied. I've been telling you the type of stories we aim for, but I'm not claiming a bullseye each time around. As all true believers know, we've certainly come up with our own share of clinkers; of stories that could have been and should have been better. But when we manage to get our act together we sure come up with some winners!

And now I'll turn you loose while I start to research next month's column. As previously promised, I'm gonna give you the top secret lowdown on the monumental mystery behind Honest Irving Forbush! Is he man or myth? Is he talent or turkey? Is he bigger than a breadbox? All this and more shall be fearlessly revealed when we meet again next issue! Till then, remember – audentes fortuna juvat!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! It was one of those days—a desperately late SPIDER-WOMAN cover was lost, the staff machine was broken, the water pipes were frozen (in August, yet!) and the paychecks were late. In fact, things were so bad that editor ROGER (*Sterno*) STERN was seen standing on the 6th story window ledge, reading his last will and testament aloud. Just after he had bequeathed away his INCREDIBLE HULK t-shirt to assistant editor *Masterful* MARK GRUENWALD, the news came that once again, Mighty MARVEL COMICS had captured the lion's share of the prestigious EAGLE AWARDS, British fandom's highest honor. Among the winners were X-MEN, for best team *and* favorite dramatic series; SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN, for favorite Black-and-White magazine, HOWARD THE DUCK, for favorite humor series, JOHN CARTER, WARLORD OF MARS, for favorite new series; AVENGERS ANNUAL #7, "The Final Threat", for favorite single-issue story; and (oddly enough) that *same* story, and its *sequel* in MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE ANNUAL #2, "Death Watch", for favorite continued story. Also honored were *Timorous* TERRY AUSTIN, as favorite inker, *Thanos*, as favorite villain, *Pip the Troll*, as favorite supporting character; and *The Silver Surfer*, as character most worthy of his own feature. That delightful news perked up just about everyone around the office, *especially* Roger Stern, proud editor of both JOHN CARTER and X-MEN. Good ol' Rog stepped down off the window sill and headed for his desk, happy as a clam! Mark was somewhat disappointed, however, at not getting his promised t-shirt, but we'll all chip in and buy him one—*if* the paychecks ever come!

ITEM! A quick *welcome* actually, for newly arrived ace colorist CARL (*The Gaff*) GAFFORD and soon-to-be renowned inker *Able* AL GORDON! Check out their accomplishments in MARVEL PREMIERE #46, featuring *Man-Wolf*, and SPIDER-WOMAN #11, featuring the villainy of *Brother Grimm*, and then give us the verdict—should we *keep* these guys, or feed them to the alligators?

ITEM! A couple of years back a trio of talented gentlemen named Doug Moench, Paul Gulacy, and Dan Adkins combined their skills to bring the MASTER OF KUNG FU series to a breathtaking pinnacle of achievement in comics art. When, finally, circumstances separated this award-winning team, it seemed that things would never be quite right with *Shang-Chi* again. For a while, each succeeding issue brought new problems, artist and inker changes, natural disasters, plagues of locusts, and all the accompanying schedule ills which disturb the delicate balance of yin and yang necessary to produce Timeless Masterpieces. Undaunted, however, mighty Marvel pressed on, and, at long last recruited *Miraculous* MIKE ZECK, penciler, and *Brash* BRUCE PATTERSON, inker, to join *Devil-May-Care* DOUG MOENCH, writer, as regulars on MOKF. As each new issue rolls in from these talented and dedicated gentlemen, the feeling grows among those of us at 575 Madison that we are witnessing the evolution of a series destined to rival—nay, *surpass* the classics of yesteryear. We *could* try to describe the way Mike's dynamic-yet subtle penciling is complemented perfectly by Bruce's clean, bold, striking inkline, or how well the sheer lyrical *power* of the art blends with both Doug's oft-acclaimed scripting and Shang-Chi's unique personality, but we won't. Instead, we simply *defy* Marveldom Assembled to read issue #73 of MOKF, now on sale, which chronicles Shang-Chi's return to dreaded *Mordillo's Island*! You'll see!

ITEM! Gigantic Editor-in-Chief JIM SHOOTER answered the phone the other day, and who should be on the line but JOHN BELUSHI star of stage, screen and NBC's comedy hit, SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE! Ever calm under pressure, Jim smoothly said, "Hey, John, you're fine. How am I?" But jaunty John understood anyway, and proceeded to congratulate the Marvel crew for our creative efforts on MARVEL TEAM-UP #74, which featured Mr. Belushi and the other wild and crazy members of the *Not-Ready-For-Prime-Time Players* (*shame* on you if you missed it!) Later, John stopped by the hallowed halls to meet all the awestruck armadillos, especially Chris Claremont, Bob Hall, Dave Cockrum, and Marie Severin, who crafted the issue in question; and to invite us to the Opening Night party for his new movie, *Animal House*. It was an honor, a pleasure, and a night to remember for us Bullpenners. By the way, be sure to see the flick, it's the cat's pajamas!

ITEM! So many great things are happening we can't begin to cover them all, but pay attention and we'll try to zip through some of them quickly. First, be *sure* to catch SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #27 which showcases the penciling of one of the most rapidly rising stars this industry has ever seen, namely FRANK MILLER. Lanky Frank's portrayal of the web-slinger's characteristic spider-like movement as he traverses the rooftops is sure to become a *standard* for spider-artists. And wait'll you see what he does with a certain Fearless *guest-star*! After *that*, check out MS. MARVEL #22 and get in on the ground floor of what promises to be a *super* series of issues drawn by *Meticulous* MIKE VOSBURG. And, you'd be well advised to seek out current issues of both THE HULK and CAPTAIN AMERICA, between the pages of which rage the most memorable *crossover* of recent history. And as if *that* weren't enough, HOWARD THE DUCK is alive and well and don't let anyone tell you different. Get down to your newsstand *now*, and you won't miss out! Okay? *Okay*!

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